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East Point, Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

For Sale or Hire.

A SEMI-GRAND BROADWOOD PIANO.

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 30, 1878.

COAL.

BEST QUALITY, CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to BATTLES & CO.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

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TEYSSONNEAU'S PATE DE FOIE GRAS, in Patent TINS.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED JAMS and JELLIES, in Glass Bottles.

PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S ASSORTED PATES.

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Hongkong, February 22, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit

SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

PIANOFORTE TUNING.

M. J. BUGANAN, BANDMASTER of Her Majesty's 74th Highlanders, begs to announce to the Public of Hongkong that he will undertake to TUNE PIANOFORTES during his stay in the Colony.

Address to Murray Barracks.

Hongkong, March 14, 1878.

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ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1865.

CAPITAL \$700,000, IN 1,400 SHARES OF \$500 EACH.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

To be elected at the First Meeting of the Shareholders.

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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

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W. H. BRERETON, Esq.

THIS Company has been formed for the purpose of carrying on the Business of Sugar Refineries under the Weinrich Patent, and also the Business of Sugar Refiners, Manufacturers and Sugar Dealers generally at Hongkong and Swatow in China.

By the Weinrich process the molasses and other impurities are speedily and inexpensively removed, leaving the residue a fine Sugar fit for domestic use or for exportation to any part of the world. It is highly valued and sought after by Chinese and Japanese merchants. These Sugars are perfectly in odorous, and retain their colour and high saccharine qualities for any length of time, and are not liable to absorb moisture.

It is intended that the new Company shall take over the ground and buildings at Hongkong, now occupied by the Oriental Sugar Refinery, with the Plant and Machinery thereon. The ground, which has a water frontage of nearly 200 feet, comprises nearly two acres. The Buildings and Works are quite new and in complete order, capable of refining about 1,000 piculs of raw Sugar daily. It is also intended to take over the ground and premises belonging to the Company at Swatow in China, with the valuable Plant and Machinery thereon. The last mentioned ground contains about 18 acres, with excellent water frontage, and is otherwise eligibly situated for carrying on the Company's works. The works and buildings are yet unfinished; when completed they will be capable of refining about 1,500 piculs of Raw Sugar daily. They will be finished before the next Sugar season, or about the 31st of December next.

The Proprietors of the Oriental Sugar Refinery have agreed to sell the whole of their Property in Hongkong and Swatow to the Company for \$500,000, of which \$250,000 will be taken in shares, subject only to a share of profits, by way of Royalty, to be paid to the Patentee for the sole right of using the Patent in Hongkong and China. Of the balance of the capital, about \$100,000 will be applied in finishing the Company's premises at Swatow, leaving the remaining \$100,000 available for working the business.

It is intended to distribute the profits in the following manner:—1% per cent. for interest on capital will in the first instance be annually paid thereon to all Shareholders, seven per cent. will be written off the annual valuation of Plant, and five per cent. will be written off the annual valuation of Buildings, which together will form the Company's reserve fund to meet depreciation in Plant and Buildings. The surplus after those deductions will be distributed as follows:—viz., two thirds thereof will be divided *pro rata* amongst the Shareholders by way of dividend, and the remaining one-third will be paid to the Patentee.

The Company will be managed by the firm of H. Kier & Co. of Hongkong, as General Agents, and Consulting Committee to be elected by the Shareholders, assisted by a competent staff. Messrs. Craig & Co. of Swatow will be the Agents of the Company at that place.

The Company has secured the services of a thoroughly efficient Practical Refiner and Chemist from the works of Mr. James Duncanson, the eminent Sugar Refiner of Clyde Wharf, London.

The Refinery in Hongkong is now in full working order, and will be handed over to the Company on the 31st day of March instant.

The Company in purchasing the Oriental Sugar Refineries will take the business as it stands, together with all the engagements and contracts already entered into, comprising arrangements for the purchase of Raw Sugar, and disposing of the finished product in the various markets.

The Oriental Sugar Refinery, Limited, will have the advantage of a choice of markets. The Patent Sugars meet with ready sale at remunerative prices, in Great Britain, the Continent of Europe, America, and Australia, whilst the native trade is being steadily developed. In fact the Sugar trade in China is now in its infancy.

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and of its future success there can be no doubt whatever.

The favourable terms upon which the Company have been offered the property and sole right to use the Patent are alike a source of security to the Shareholders and a proof of the confidence of those whose enterprise and capital have originated the business.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association may be inspected at the Offices of the Company, together with the following Agreements, viz:—

1.—An Agreement of the 2nd of September, 1876, made between the Oriental Sugar Refinery of Hongkong and the Wing Tung Hing Fong for the supply of Raw Material on certain terms and conditions.

2.—An Agreement of the 25th day of March, 1876, made between H. Kier on behalf of the owners of the Oriental Sugar Refinery at Hongkong and Swatow of the one part, and Robert Craig, Esq., for and on behalf of the Company of the other part, whereby the party of the first part agreed to sell to the Company the above-mentioned premises.

3.—An Agreement of the 25th day of March, 1876, made between William McGregor Smith of the one part, and Hans Kier of the other part, whereby the said William McGregor Smith agreed to make over to the Company the sole right of using the said Patent in Hongkong and China on the terms therein mentioned.

It is intended that the whole of the Capital shall be called up as follows:—

\$150 per Share on application for allotment.

\$150 per Share on allotment.

\$100 one calendar month after allotment.

\$100 three calendar months after allotment.

Applications for shares will be received up to 10th day of April, 1878.

Forms of application for Shares and Receipt for Deposit are appended.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1878.

Form of Application for Shares (to be retained by the Bankers).

No. To the General Agents of "The Oriental Sugar Refinery, LIMITED."

Gentlemen:—Having paid to your Bankers the sum of \$150 per Share on

Shares in the above Company, I hereby request that you will allot me that number, and I agree to become a Member of the Company in respect of such Shares or in respect of any less number you may allot me; and to pay the further sum mentioned in the Prospectus and Articles of Association of the Company, and I request that my name may be placed on the Register of Members for the Shares so allotted.

Name in full

Residence

Profession or Business

Date 1878

Receipt for Deposit (to be retained by the Applicant after being signed by the Bankers).

No. Received this day of 1878, a deposit of \$150 per Share on Shares in "THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, LIMITED."

For The Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China,

THE Henry S. Sandford, Hongkong to New York, is reported as having experienced a very heavy gale on Jan. 11th, in lat. 35° S. and long. 23° E., when she lost fore and main top-sails. The *Henry S. Sandford* left St. Helena on the 25th January.

We understand that another case will have to engage the attention of the Jurors at the Special Sessions of the Supreme Court. A charge of larceny on board the P. & O. steamer *Orissa* will fall to be tried on Monday, as the steamer may have to leave port on that evening.

CAPTAIN Thomsett, the Harbour Master, goes home for *Agamemnon* on a short term of leave. His duties, we understand, will devolve upon Mr J. P. McEuen, the deputy harbour master; Captain Deane, Superintendent of Police, relieving the latter of his functions as acting head of the Police Department.

Mr Chun Ayn, who was the paid Secretary to the Royal Commission on the C. D. Ordinance, having accepted an official post in the Chinese service, his duties have been undertaken by Mr H. L. Dennis, solicitor. Mr Dennis, however, acts as honorary secretary only, until such time as the labours of the Commission are completed.

At the Marine Court to-day John Gee, and James Marshall, firemen, belonging to the British steamer *Moray*, were charged with being absent without leave. The 1st defendant was ordered to forfeit four days' pay, and the 2nd two days' pay.

The summons against Captain Thompson of the *North Star*, for assault, was withdrawn; it now appears that the master was arranged even before the summons was served.

It has been suggested by a "Constant Reader" that, in these days of telegraphic messages, the result of the present European negotiations will come upon us literally like a flash of lightning. He therefore thinks that what is intended to be done, in the way of preparation against possible attack, should be done without a moment's delay. Now, although we admit most of what our correspondent says, we do not entertain that war will even be declared for some time, until everything else has been tried; while the power for evil of the Russian Squadron is neither very great, nor is it likely to have much scope for its operation. The British fleet is on the quay, and our authorities here are not asleep by any means. Steps have been taken, we believe, to lay torpedoes in case of necessity; and several heavy guns have been placed on board the Commodore's flagship. The batteries and forts, however, with men to man them, ought to be put in shape and form at once; that requires time.

An accident which might have proved very disastrous occurred about 9 o'clock this morning in the Hollywood Road. Some new houses are in course of construction on the piece of land overlooking the harbour near the Ma Moi Temple. One of these, which was about half completed, fell with a loud crash. Fortunately it shewed indications of tottering a few minutes before it fell, and the men employed (of whom there were about sixteen) were thus enabled to make good their escape—only two being injured, and that very slightly. These houses are being constructed on a very dangerous spot, standing as they do on an eminence overlooking a street, and it will be well if the Inspector of Buildings takes a careful supervision over their construction, as if they are built in such a faulty manner as to be unable to stand before raised to half their intended height, they can scarcely be considered safe, and may become a source of great danger, while in the event of a typhoon, they are exposed to the full violence of northerly winds, and for this reason alone should be built with the greatest care.

The question of interpretation again cropped up at the Supreme Court to-day. When the woman Lo Ping Kiu was about to be examined it appears that she spoke Hakka, and there was no interpreter present. His Lordship asked how this came about, and it then transpired that Mr Li Hung Mi, the Police Court interpreter, was sick. Another interpreter was obtained from the Registrar General's Office, but, although his services are frequently called upon in want of more efficient assistance, he spoke but indifferent English. Mr Francis objected to the double interpretation, and His Lordship coincided with the learned counsel, especially in a case of this nature. His Lordship further observed that it was high time this interpretation question was settled; it was at present a disgrace to the Colony. Mr Francis said that the case was difficult enough to deal with without having double interpretation.

A NUMBER of residents assembled this forenoon to say goodbye to the Hon. J. Gardner Austin, on the occasion of his departure for Europe; and it is a subject

for gratulation that this venerable public officer has so far recovered his strength as to be able now to leave under such favourable circumstances. Mr Austin acted as stipendiary magistrate in British Guiana nearly thirty years ago, and he was Lieutenant-governor of Honduras in 1864. He came to Hongkong as Colonial Secretary in 1868, and he has administered this government on three or four occasions during the interregnum caused by the absence of the Governor. We wish Mr Austin may be long spared at home, to enjoy the rest which he has so well earned by his long service.

We learn that the native Christians of Hongkong have become possessed with a laudable desire to learn English-speaking, and they propose a most sensible mode of operations to attain their object. The establishment of an evening school is suggested, in which lessons in speaking English will be given, to the exclusion of all other kinds of teaching. Chinese in Australia and California have taken a strong interest in this movement, and it may therefore be inferred that it is in contemplation to educate by this means servants, shop-people and artisans for the Australian and American fields of labour. A house is at once to be rented or purchased for the purpose, and to all appearance the native Christians appear to have made up their minds to help themselves in this hitherto undeveloped branch of education. It may become a question whether an evening school for such a purpose might not deserve recognition under the Grant-in-aid scheme of the Government.

HEDGES & CO.'S WEEKLY SHIPPING REPORT, Pagoda Anchorage, 30th March:—

Arrivals During the Week.—Mar. 21, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong; 26, Tah Yew, from Shanghai; 26, Douglas, from Hongkong; 26, Europe, from Shanghai; 26, Deutschland, from Kobe.

Departures During the Week.—Mar. 24, Willin, for Chefoo; 24, Yesso, for Hongkong; 27, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong; 27, China, for Nanchang; 27, E. C. Mallet, for Takao.

Shipping in Port.—Moorhen, Tah Yew, Douglas, Europe, Deutschland.

Two following passengers have been booked for the Far East:—For Messengers Maritimes steamer *Ironbound*, from Marseilles, March 10. To Yokohama: Mrs Kuster and two children, Mr R. D. Robinson. To Shanghai: Mr and Mrs Paromaroff, Mrs Palmer Aldridge, Mr J. F. Goodfellow, Mr Alexander Price, Mr J. Wood, Mr Overbeck, Mr T. F. Baldwin, Mr H. Totte. To Hongkong: Lieut. O. C. Cornwall, Mr and Mrs F. W. Fry, Mr and Mrs T. H. Damer, Mr D. Jackson, Mr G. H. Townsend. For P. & O. steamer *Catay*, from Southampton, Feb. 21. From Venice to Shanghai: Mr R. Anderson, Mr J. H. Anderson, Mr P. McGregor Grant. From Venice to Shanghai, via Bombay: Mr E. Major, Mr Friesman, Per P. and O. steamer *Malwa*, from Southampton, March 21. To Hongkong: Mr J. N. Poolethwaite. To Yokohama: Mr and Mrs Wright and child. From Brindisi to Hongkong: Mr Galton.

(London & China Express, Feb. 22.)

The *Fiona*, a splendid iron ship of 1,400 tons register, was launched on the 16th instant, by Messrs. C. Connell & Co., Scotstoun. She is classed 100 A 1 at Lloyd's, and has been built to the order of Messrs. J. C. Clark and others, and is intended for the East India and China trade.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works a sum was given to the proportion

that Cleopatra's Needle should be erected at the Adelphi steps on the Thames Embankment, where the model is now placed.

The Khedive has appointed Colonel Gordon to preside over the Commission of Inquiry rendered necessary by the present situation of the finances. The Khedive will confer on Colonel Gordon the most extensive powers in carrying out the inquiry.

Hamburg.—Although very strict at the pronouncement of the week shipping during the last two or three days has considerably recovered; a good many arrivals from transatlantic ports have taken place, and our harbour has assumed a more lively appearance. Of arrivals from the Far East I have only to report the *Feronia*, a. a. Capt. Schulz, from Shanghai, Singapore, &c., via London; and the *Superb*, Hanschild, from Flint Island. No departure have taken place, neither here nor at Bremen. In vessels on the berth there is no alteration to report.

H. M. S. *Falcon*, 8, composite gun-boat, Commander Bouverie F. Clark, has completed her week's cruise, and left Plymouth on the 21st inst.

Surgeon-Major T. J. Orton, who will be

remembered as serving with the 10th (North Lincolnshire) Regiment when

stationed at Yokohama and Hongkong, and who, subsequently, held a colonial appointment at Penang, has been appointed to the charge of the Medical Service on the African station, and has gone to take up duty at Sierra Leone. Surgeon-Major Orton served with the Artillery in the trenches at Sebastopol in 1855, and at the assault of the Redan. He also went through the Central India Campaign, under Sir Hugh Rose; his last service being as principal medical officer in the Parak expedition.

The ship *Hannah Ladd*, of Glasgow, from Hongkong to New York, which was abandoned at sea on the 24th ult. in lat. 40° N., long. 71° W., is reported to have had twelve feet of water in her when the crew were taken off. On the day previous to the abandonment she encountered a terrific gale, during which her sails were blown away and the vessel sprang a leak. The officers and crew, who were landed at Portsmouth, N. H., as before advised by cable from that port, were greatly fatigued from their exertions in keeping the vessel afloat, and many of them were frost-bitten.

In another column we give a report of

the meeting held at Lambeth Palace on the

"China Famine." It has now been launched

under most favourable auspices, and we

may expect a liberal response from the

general public in England.

It was well

said by Dr Legee that this movement should

have the effect of promoting good feeling

throughout the length and breadth of China,

and that the cost would be far less

than any of our naval and military operations

which we have been engaged in with

China. It should at the same time serve

as a serious lesson to the Chinese Govern-

ment, to give up once and for all that

policy of exclusion and distrust which pre-

vents their country being opened up and

developed in its mineral resources, and its

means of communication, which at present

are so bad as to increase to a fearful extent

the ravages of a famine or similar disaster.

The name of the gentleman who are

serving on the committee and subscriptions to

the present will be found in our Adver-

tising columns, amounting to £1,543. A

further remittance of £1,300 has been

made through the Agra Bank to the com-

munity in Shanghai.

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Department.

Mr Chun Ayn, who was the paid Secretary

to the Royal Commission on the C. D.

Ordinance, having accepted an official post

in the Chinese service, his duties have been

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for gratulation that this venerable public officer has so far recovered his strength as to be able now to leave under such favourable circumstances. Mr Austin acted as stipendiary magistrate in British Guiana nearly thirty years ago, and he was Lieutenant-governor of Honduras in 1864. He came to Hongkong as Colonial Secretary in 1868, and he has administered this government on three or four occasions during the interregnum caused by the absence of the Governor. We wish Mr Austin may be long spared at home, to enjoy the rest which he has so well earned by his long service.

We hear that the happy proprietors of the Alphabetical Gunboats are about to lose their foreign employes. The latter have, we understand, been dissatisfied with their position on board these vessels for some time past, and if this is the case it is, we think, scarcely to be wondered at. These difficulties have, we believe, culminated in the resignation of all the foreign engineers and gunners. There are probably faults on both sides—but the greatest error in judgment is apparent in the conduct of the Arsenal authorities, who should have known from the outset that men accustomed to the command of gunboats would not readily submit to the whims and humours of a low-caste class of so-called naval officers.

In the House of Commons, on the 15th instant, a question was put by Mr Bentinck to the Postmaster-General, whether it was true that the last contract with the P. & O. Company made no allowance for fog or bad weather; and, in that case, whether the Post Office had had the opinion of any nautical authority on the subject. Lord J. Manners replied that the Department had consulted the proper authorities, and that the other party to the contract had, no doubt, done the same.

The Japanese armoured corvette *Kongo* was despatched on the 18th from Hull for Yokohama, under the command of Captain J. W. Webb, R.N. She will proceed by the Suez Canal, touching at Malta to coal. The sister-ship *Hi-yo* and the ironclad *Foo-fo* will be despatched, under the direction of Mr Reed, M.P., in about two weeks.

It is announced in Russian papers that the Chinese, having subdued Kashgar, have formally proclaimed the deposition of Bey Kull Beg, and installed the late Governor of Taxkent, Mursh Beg, as Governor of "Eastern Turkistan." Great numbers of fugitives from Kashgar continue to cross the frontier into Russia.

His Excellency Samechima Naonobu, the Japanese Minister to the French Government, left Yokohama on Jan. 29, and may be expected to take up his post in Paris about March 20. We understand that he is specially charged to carry out a revision of the treaties and tariffs existing to the Foreign Settlement:—

Chang, Acting Magistrate of the Min District and

Lin, Acting Magistrate of the Hoo Kwan District in the Department of Foochow, issue a proclamation.

We have received instructions from Wang, acting Prefect of Foochow, to the effect that the United States Consul had addressed him, requesting that proclamations be issued forbidding the country people within these Districts to commit assault upon foreign residents who go out to shoot game; and in pursuance of said instructions we issue this proclamation, to be posted up for the information of the people.

"Since the opening of the port foreigners resident here have always gone into the adjacent country, on the water, and on the hills to shoot birds etc., having no intention to molest or injure the country people; but as farmers are working in the fields and on the hills, in places where vegetation is growing and the hills are thickly timbered, the sportsman cannot always know where they (the farmers) are, because they are hidden from view, and on the other hand, the farmers, being busily engaged in their pursuits, cannot tell where the sportsman is shooting.

"Although the foreigner, in shooting, does not intend to do harm to any one, yet persons may be wounded with the shot from his gun, therefore it is most important that the greatest caution be exercised, both on the part of the people and the sportsman, to avoid trouble may be avoided.

"It is important that this proclamation be issued, so that the people of all classes may understand; and hereafter, when sportsmen are seen out shooting, the children should be restrained from following them, lest through their following and watching they be accidentally shot.

"With a view to preventing accidents and trouble, we have requested the foreign Consuls to instruct their nationals that when they go out to shoot they should exercise caution, and not go to places where crowds of people are working, in the fields or on the hills. If both the sportsmen and the natives are cautious accidents will be avoided. And friendly feelings be maintained.

"Should any person be accidentally wounded or injured, he should lay the matter before the local officials who will communicate with the Consul concerned, so that it may be properly adjusted. They should not on any account, get into altercations by themselves demanding reparation for injuries, thus possibly causing serious disturbance.

"Let all respect, and no one disobey this special Proclamation.

"Kwang Hsi, 4th Year, 1st Moon, 30th day."

Assaults on foreign sportsmen have been frequent of late, and in almost every instance so wholly unprovoked, that it is to be hoped this proclamation will have some effect on the native mind. The issue of this document should certainly have a deterrent influence on the rowdy section of the Nantai population, and we trust that to this end it will be extensively posted in the neighbouring villages. The United States Consul at this port, we believe, taken considerable pains to bring the entire subject of these unprovoked attacks on foreigners under notice of the Chinese authorities, and the obtaining of this proclamation is understood to be solely due to his energy and perseverance.

VICEROYAL COURTESY! (Footnote.)

Yesterday (March 29th) at the Supreme Court, before H. A. Mowat, Esq., and a Jury, a Malai named Batchon, serving on board the British brig *Maid Marian*, was indicted for feloniously cutting and wounding Alexander Brash, chief mate of the same vessel, at sea, on the night of the 20th of January last.—Prisoner pleaded not guilty, but the evidence was conclusive against him, and a verdict of guilty was returned. Sentence was reserved.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES VON BOSE has been authorized to sign our firm for procreation at Canton, by CARLOWITZ & CO., myl. Canton, April 3, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. THEODOR JOHANNES EN- GELERECHT VON PUSTAU has been authorized to sign our firm for procreation. WM. PUSTAU & CO. Hongkong, March 22, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 1st December last.

NOTICE.

MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our firm on the 1st January, 1878.

NOTICE.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO. Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself at this port as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the style or firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & CO., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

G. R. STEVENS, myl. Hongkong, December 29, 1877.

NOTICE.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMEN'S STORES.

NOTICE.

OF THE BEST QUALITY AND THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG, October 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & CO., PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road, East, HONG KONG.

September 15, 1877.

W. BAILLIE,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf, Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

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HONGKONG, October 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

HONGKONG, October 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

OLYMPIAN & CO., General Agents.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG, April 17, 1873.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG, October 27, 1874.

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF DODD & CO.

NOTICE.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th Instant, at Messrs. DODD & CO.'S OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried:

1. That the affairs of the said DODD & CO. shall be liquidated by arrangement, and not in Bankruptcy.

2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.

3. That H. ABENDOTT and EDMUND PYR be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

NOTICE.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

NOTICE.

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

NOTICE.

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 11th April, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

NOTICE.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

NOTICE.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of the 10th April. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same of £5 is required.

NOTICE.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

NOTICE.

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to Officers of the ARMY and NAVY and to Members of the CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES.

NOTICE.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road, Central, G. B. EMORY, Agent.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG, March 26, 1878.

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CHINA will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on the 11th April, at Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

NOTICE.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

NOTICE.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

NOTICE.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

NOTICE.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of the 20th April. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

NOTICE.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

NOTICE.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 5, Praya Central, RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG, March 26, 1878.

NOTICE.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

A MILLAR & CO.,

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS,

Queen's Road, East,

HONG KONG.

NOTICE.

September 15, 1877.

W. BAILLIE,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

NOTICE.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman,

W. B. BOYD, Esq., O. KREBS, Esq.,

M. P. EVANS, Esq., C. LUCAS, Esq.

Secretaries:

MESSRS. RUSSELL & CO., Shanghai.

London Bankers:

MESSRS. BARING BROTHERS & CO.

Agencies in:

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and

the Principal Ports in the East.

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to

all parts of the World, at current

rates.

Subject to a charge of 12% for interest

on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS

OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS

will be annually distributed among all Contributors

of Business in proportion to the

premium paid by them.

MESSRS. RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

HONGKONG, October 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,

(LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to

all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles

of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits

will be distributed annually to Contributors

whether Shareholders or not, in proportion

to the net amount of Premium contributed

by each, the remaining third being carried

to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPIAN & CO., General Agents.

HONGKONG, April 17, 1873.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents for the above

Company, are prepared to grant In-

surance at current rates.

MESSRS. RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

HONGKONG, October 27, 1874.

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF DODD & CO.

NOTICE.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong

are prepared to grant

Policies against FIRE, to the

extent of £10,000 on any Building, or

on Merchandise in the same, at the

usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20

per cent.

GILMAN & CO., Agents.

HONGKONG, July 3, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE CHONG-ON FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLAR.